# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

Chemoil Latin America Inc. Plaintiff, C.A. NO. 4:17-cv-00813 v. Cinque Terre Financial Group Ltd. and its IN ADMIRALTY, Rule 9(h) alter egos Elemento, Ltd. (formerly CT Energia Ltd.), Cinque Terre Peru S.A.C., § Ruben Alejandro Goldstein (a/k/a Alex Goldstein), Alessandro Bazzoni, and Richard Rothenberg (holder of United States Passport No.: 473468141) (collectively "CTFG/ELEMENTO/Elemento") Defendants, and SK Energy Americas, Inc. Garnishee.

# FIRST AMENDED VERIFIED COMPLAINT WITH REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF PROCESS OF MARITIME ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT AND REQUEST FOR A WRIT OF ORIGINAL ATTACHMENT

Chemoil Latin America Inc. ("Chemoil") hereby, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1) amends its complaint, bringing this action against defendant Cinque Terre Financial Group Ltd. including its alter egos Elemento, Ltd. (formerly CT Energia Ltd.), Cinque Terre Peru S.A.C., Ruben Alejandro Goldstein (a/k/a Alex Goldstein), Alessandro Bazzoni, and Richard Rothenberg (holder of United States Passport No.: 473468141) (collectively herein "CTFG/ELEMENTO") all *quasi in rem* pursuant to Supplemental Rule B for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, Fed. R. Civ. P. 64, and Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 61.001 et seq. and for a cause of action states as follows:



## Jurisdiction and Venue

- 1. This is an action within this Court's admiralty jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1333 and is an admiralty or maritime claim within Supplemental Rule B and Fed. R. Civ. P. 9(h), in that it involves the breach of a maritime contract, or in the alternative, a maritime tort, namely, the taking of maritime property by fraud. This action further is within this Court's diversity jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 in that defendant Richard Rothenberg is a citizen of the United States with a residence in Florida, Chemoil is a Panama corporation, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000 exclusive of interest and costs, and further proceeds against all remaining defendants under the supplemental jurisdiction of this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367. This action further is within this Court's federal question jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 in that defendants as detailed herein have violated the Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1961 et seq. Finally, this case further is within this Court's original jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § § 1334 ("Bankruptcy cases and proceedings") in that it is a proceeding related to the case proceeding before the United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York, addressed in further detail below. under Chapter 15 of Title 11, concerning defendant Cinque Terre Financial Group Ltd.
- 2. Venue is proper in this Court because the Garnishee is located and can be found in this District and because property in which CTFG/ELEMENTO has an interest, namely, accounts payable from the Garnishee, is under the control of the Garnishee and therefore is or soon will be in this District. CTFG/ELEMENTO including its alter egos cannot be found in this District within the meaning of Supplemental Rule B.

## The Parties

3. Chemoil is a Panama corporation with its offices in Panama City, Panama which buys and sells fuel for the provision to and operation of ocean-going vessels.

- 4. CTFG/ELEMENTO as described in greater detail herein is a conglomeration of purported British Virgin Islands, Maltese and Peruvian companies owned and/or controlled by the same individuals, their alter egos, Ruben Alejandro Goldstein (a/k/a Alex Goldstein), Alessandro Bazzoni and Richard Rothenberg. Ruben Alejandro Goldstein (a/k/a Alex Goldstein), Alessandro Bazzoni and Richard Rothenberg have used the name of CTFG/ELEMENTO to purchase and resell, as detailed herein, certain cargoes of naptha, including from Petroperu and to Garnishee, and to take for themselves at least <u>US\$3,948,502.41</u> from Chemoil as detailed herein.
- 5. Chemoil also alleges that Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd. and Alessandro Bazzoni are one and the same. Alessandro Bazzoni branded all of his companies with the "Cinque Terre" or "CT" moniker, which is an abbreviation for "Cinque Terre." Alessandro Bazzoni has claimed that the "Cinque Terre" name refers to his family's roots and ownership interests in property in the Cinque Terre region of Italy a cluster of five villages on the Italian Riviera. CTFG/ELEMENTO throughout the time pertinent to this Complaint, have interchangeably used the names "Cinque Terre," "CT" and "CT Energia" to refer to their collective operations, which have continued into the operations of their alter-ego, defendant Elemento, Ltd.
- 6. Chemoil alleges that Alessandro Bazzoni has abused corporate form such that he should be personally liable for the debts of Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd. On information and belief, Chemoil alleges that Bazzoni used Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd.'s and successors' accounts to purchase personal property, including a vacation home in Palm Beach, Florida and renovations to a friend's home in Bridgehampton, New York; to pay for personal expenses, including among other things, medical expenses, automobiles, luxury travel for himself and his friends, and expenses associated with horses and fees for participating in polo

tournaments all over the world. Alessandro Bazzoni has used a web of companies that he controls to orchestrate a complex fraud against Chemoil and others to avoid repayment of funds owed to Chemoil and others.

- 7. Richard Rothenberg was Chief Financial Officer of Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd., and appears to have been involved in a number of the Company's transactions, as well as a key member of the management team. He also as detailed below has continued to be involved as a Director of the alter egos of Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd. Richard Rothenberg is the holder of United States Passport No.: 473468141, a United States citizen and a resident of the state of Florida.
- 8. Ruben Alejandro Goldstein was Chief Operating Officer of Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd. and was listed as the Director of Marketing for another entity within the group of companies connected to Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd., CT Energia Holding Limited, and as detailed below holds interest in other affiliated companies, including in Peru.
- 9. Cinque Terre Financial Group Ltd. was a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands ("BVI") on March 12, 2008. Defendant Alessandro Bazzoni has always been the sole director and member of Cinque Terre Financial Group Ltd. until Cinque Terre Financial Group Ltd. was on April 11, 2016 placed into involuntary liquidation proceedings in BVI. Defendant Richard Rothenberg was the Chief Financial Officer, and Ruben Alejandro Goldstein (a/k/a Alex Goldstein) the Chief Operating Officer of Cinque Terre Financial Group Ltd. Following the initiation of the BVI proceedings, on April 27, 2016, the BVI Liquidator filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, a a Chapter 15 petition for recognition of the BVI liquidation, Case No. 16-11086 (JLG).
- 10. The U.S. Bankruptcy Court recognized the BVI liquidation proceding on June 21, 2016 (recognition order, **Exhibit A hereto**). Chemoil proceeds here with the permission of

the liquidator ("Foreign Representative" in Chapter 15) to secure payment of the amounts owed to Chemoil by CTFG/ELEMENTO which are also property of the BVI liquidation estate.

- 11. CTFG/ELEMENTO has been engaged in a range of fraudulent activities, as detailed herein. Ernst & Young Switzerland only audited the financial statements of Cinque Terre Financial Group Ltd. for the period ending 31 December 2008, with the corresponding audit report being issued on 26 June 2009. Cinque Terre Financial Group Ltd., however, caused counterfeit audit reports ( issued over the name of Ernst & Young) to be issued for 2010 and 2011. Ernst & Young in 2012 confirmed to defendant Richard Rothenberg that these reports were counterfeit. Defendant Alessandro Bazzoni utilized the counterfeit audit reports, including ones dated in 2013 and 2014, to misrepresent the financial position of Cinque Terre Financial Group Ltd.
- Richard Rothenberg and Ruben Alejandro Goldstein continued the operations of Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd., by information and belief, using resources of Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd., through other foreign corporate entities which they controlled, including but not limited to defendant CT Energia Ltd. (later renamed "Elemento, Ltd.") formed in another jurisdiction, Malta. By information and belief, defendants Alessandro Bazzoni, Richard Rothenberg and Ruben Alejandro Goldstein created this new CT Energia Ltd. (later renamed "Elemento, Ltd.") along with two other "Cinque Terre" entities, CT Energia Holding Ltd. and CT Energia Oil and Gas Ltd, all in Malta. Collectively these businesses held themselves out as "CT Energia" for the purpose of using their new Maltese corporate form to avoid paying the Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd. debt to Chemoil. To further frustrate Chemoil's and others' efforts to collect debt, by information and belief, defendants Alessandro Bazzoni, Richard

Rothenberg and Ruben Alejandro Goldstein stripped the Maltese companies of their apparent "CT Energia" connection, and renamed them "Elemento."

- 13. Defendant CT Energia Ltd. d/b/a Elemento Ltd. is a Maltese company, wholly owned by defendant CT Energia Holding, Ltd., which in turn is owned and controlled by defendant Bazzoni. In or about July 25, 2016, by information and belief, defendants Alessandro Bazzoni, Richard Rothenberg and Ruben Alejandro Goldstein caused a filing in Malta to change the name of Defendant CT Energia Ltd. to "Elemento Ltd."
- December 2015, "CT Energia Holding Ltd" (another Maltese company) purported to transfer 1165 Ordinary shares in the company to "CT Energia Oil and Gas Ltd." At this time, defendants Alessandro Bazzoni and Richard Rothenberg were directors of CT Energia Ltd. On January 13, 2016, Richard Rothenberg resigned as director; Francisco D'Agostino was appointed as a director. Then, on June 21, 2016, the company name was changed from CT Energia Ltd to Elemento Ltd. Finally on August 18, 2016 Alessandro Bazzoni and Francisco D'Agostino resigned as directors and Richard Rothenberg was reappointed as a director (along with Carlos Galindez Arias).
- 15. Defendant CT Energia Ltd. d/b/a Elemento Ltd. is sued in its capacity as an alter ego of, and as controlled and/or operated by defendants Alessandro Bazzoni, Richard Rothenberg and Ruben Alejandro Goldstein, and as such, is liable to Chemoil to the same extent as the other defendants.
- 16. Documents in the Malta corporate registry confirm that on February 4, 2016, Alessandro Bazzoni, sole owner of CT Energia Oil & Gas Ltd, transferred 1000 Ordinary shares of the company to Francisco D'Agostino. Then, on June 22, 2016, the company changed its name from CT Energia Oil & Gas Ltd To Elemento Oil & Gas Ltd. On August 19, 2016,

Alessandro Bazzoni and Francisco D'Agostino resigned as directors, and Richard Rothenberg was appointed as director (also along with Carlos Galindez Arias).

- 17. Cinque Terre Peru S.A.C. is a Peruvian company founded in 2012. It has one employee, its General Manager Jesus J. F. Pereyra. Defendants Alessandro Bazzoni and Ruben A. Goldstein are the owners of Cinque Terre Peru S.A.C.
- 18. Garnishee SK Energy Americas ("Garnishee") is an entity with an office located in this District which holds accounts which are the property of and/or owing to CTFG/ELEMENTO (including its alter egos).

### **Facts**

- 19. Chemoil entered into a contract dated 15 August 2014 as sellers with Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd. as buyers for the sale and purchase of 40,000 barrels +/-10% in Buyer's option of Marine Gas Oil (MGO) for delivery on FOB ("free on board") Incoterms via pump out from Decal Taboguilla via two separate barge loadings Panama between 19-28 August 2014 (the "Contract"). MGO is a fuel specially and uniquely formulated for maritime use, aboard ocean-going and inland waterways vessels. Chemoil's MGO was for carriage aboard and then use aboard ships and therefore the contract for its sale was and is a maritime contract.
- 20. On or about August 19, 2014, Al Alpha, apparently employed by Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd., confirmed the contract and arrangements for the vessel the contract required (M/T CENTENARIO TRADER (IMO No. 7367275), using the email <a href="mailto:alpha@ctenergia.com">alpha@ctenergia.com</a>. The company named "CT Energia," as set out above, is one which defendants caused to be renamed, later, Elemento, Ltd. Al Alpha now is employed, by information and belief, by Elemento, Ltd.
- 21. The Chemoil contract (Confirmation, **Exhibit B hereto**) expressly was subject to English law and was and is an agreement relating to the carriage of goods in a ship or to the use

or hire of a ship, providing including the following:

- I) BUYERS SHALL PROCURE THAT <u>THE VESSEL SHALL</u> COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE FOR THE SECURITY OF SHIPS AND OF PORT FACILITIES AND THE RELEVANT AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER XI OF SOLAS (ISPS CODE) AND WHERE THE LOADING PORT IS WITHIN THE USA AND US TERRITORIES OR WATERS, WITH THE US MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT 2002 (MTSA),
- II) <u>THE VESSEL SHALL</u> WHEN REQUIRED SUBMIT A DECLARATION OF SECURITY (DOS) TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE LOADING PORT.
- III) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PRIOR <u>ACCEPTANCE OF VESSEL</u> BY SELLER, IF AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE PASSING OF RISK AND TITLE THE VESSEL CEASES TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ISPS CODE OR MTSA:

VESSEL AND ANY DEMURRAGE RESULTING SHALL NOT BE FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE SELLER.

B) BUYER SHALL BE OBLIGED TO SUBSTITUTE SUCH **NOMINATED VESSEL** WITH A VESSEL COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ISPS CODE AND MTSA.

(Emphasis added).

- 22. CTFG/ELEMENTO chartered or hired the ship M/T CENTENARIO TRADER (IMO No. 7367275) and Chemoil accepted the ship M/T CENTENARIO TRADER, pursuant to the parties' maritime contract, for receipt of and carriage of the Chemoil Marine Gas Oil (MGO). The MGO was maritime property, namely, fuel specifically formulated for use on ships. The M/T CENTENARIO TRADER received the MGO at Decal, Panama, and then sailed with the MGO to Taboguilla Island, Panama. The M/T CENTENARIO TRADER sailed to Taboguilla Island, Panama with two separate ocean shipments, 40,548.401 barrels of MGO by way of a first delivery of 22,611.891 barrels on 21 August 2014 and a second delivery of 17,936.510 barrels on 24 August 2014.
  - 23. The M/T CENTENARIO TRADER was then and still is owned by Bunker

Vessel Management, S.A., Panama. That company's website (<a href="http://tradertanker.com">http://tradertanker.com</a>) listing the vessel, explains "We are a corporation dedicated to the transport and supply of <a href="maintenancements">marine fuels</a> inside and outside the Republic of Panama." (emphasis added).

24. For each of the two shipments, Chemoil issued a distinct Marine Fuel Delivery Receipt (**Exhibits C and D hereto**). Each Marine Fuel Delivery Receipt stated the name of the Vessel, M/T CENTENARIO TRADER. The Master or Chief Engineer signed each Marine Fuel Delivery Receipt, confirming as follows:

The marine fuel described herein in delivered in accordance with Chemoil Standard Terms and Conditions of Sale (a copy of which has been provided to buyer prior to delivery) and on credit of the vessel. Any disclaimers as to the creation of a maritime lien in the amount of the purchase price and delivery charges and/or restrictions as to the authority of the ship's officer signing this Receipt to bind the vessel and her owner to the above are null and void, unless an authorized representative of Chemoil shall have otherwise agreed in writing at the time Buyer initially orders the marine fuel. Failing such agreement, delivery shall, under no circumstances, eonstitute a waiver by Chemoil of the above.

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### DECLARATION OF MASTER/CHIEF ENGINEER

I declare that the information given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief; that I have knowledge of the facts set forth herein; that the articles described in the notice of lading were received in the quantities were laden on the vessel named above for use on said vessel as supplies, except as noted below.

Received for use as bunkers, together with representative sample, the quantities shown above. Exact quantities shown are subject to correction in case of error:

- 25. Chemoil issued its invoices in respect of each of the deliveries on 17 September 2014 (albeit dated 31 August 2014). These invoices totalled US\$4,948,502.41.
- 26. CTFG/ELEMENTO made only one payment to Chemoil of US\$1,000,000 against the outstanding amount, leaving a balance of US\$3,948,502.41 due and owing (not including interest).
  - 27. On October 8, 2014, Richard Rothenberg (using the email address

(<u>rr@ctenergia.com</u> – again, the "CT Energia" company later renamed "Elemento, Ltd.") wrote Chemoil as follows:

We are aware of the outstanding invoice we have to you. We had asked for the invoice to be sent, but it never came. We understand that there was an switchover in your financing department that caused the delay of the invoice. However, our LC and financing has expired, and we need to arrange new financing which we are doing currently. I will revert with the expected timing on that, but we expect it will be finalized by the middle of next week.

Thanks, Richard Rothenberg Chief Financial Officer CT Energia, Ltd.

- 28. Thereafter through the use of the wires, namely, email and telephone, CTFG/ELEMENTO repeatedly misrepresented to Chemoil that they would pay Chemoil, as follows:
  - (a) In November 2014, CTFG/ELEMENTO proposed assigning proceeds and selling crude oil to Chemoil, but never followed through with the proposals;
  - (b) In December 2014, CTFG/ELEMENTO advised that they would make a \$1,000,000 payment to Chemoil by year end, but never made that payment;
  - (c) In February, 2015, CTFG/ELEMENTO advised that it would make a \$1,000,000 payment to Chemoil on February 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, failed again to make payment and then offered a payment plan, however, never provided that plan;
  - (d) In April, 2015, CTFG/ELEMENTO made a further payment plan proposal, but again Chemoil received no payment.
  - (e) In May, 2015, CTFG/ELEMENTO misrepresented that it was engaging in a financial restructuring and promised a payment of \$100,000, which again was never made.
  - 29. After many months of correspondence with CTFG/ELEMENTO in which a

payment plan was discussed, it became evident that CTFG/ELEMENTO did not intend to honor any of its promises and in fact had misrepresented its intent to do so, on which Chemoil had relied in good faith.

- 30. On or about February 10, 2017, however, CTFG/ELEMENTO purchased 220,000 bbls of naptha from Petroperu, the state oil company of Peru, at a price that is US\$2/bbl above the market price. A copy of the Petroperu confirmation of this purchase is **Exhibit E hereto**, naming Alex Goldstein as the contact for "Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd."
- 31. In negotiating the transaction with Petroperu, CTFG/ELEMENTO and by information and belief, defendant Alex Goldstein and/or Jesus Pereyra Arizola, General Manager of Cinque Terre-Peru, represented that defendant Alessandro Bazzoni was then the Chief Executive Officer of Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd. At this time, however, Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd. was (and continues to be) in the BVI liquidation proceedings.

  CTFG/ELEMENTO and by information and belief, defendant Alex Goldstein and/or Jesus Pereyra Arizola, General Manager of Cinque Terre-Peru, requested that the bill of lading for the transaction be issued in the name of Elemento, Ltd., which they represented to Petroperu to be the financial arm of Cinque Terre-Peru wrote Petroperu on or about February 10, 2017 as follows:
  - 1.- On Friday, the CEO of Cinque Terre, Mr. Alessandro Bazzoni, will send the formal acceptance of the last tender of Virgin Naphta won by Cinque Terre, to your direction. Please confirm your receipt of the same. Thank you.
  - 2.- Also, for any formal communication between both parties, the new fax number of the company is the following: +44 207 691 7889.
  - 3.- And lastly and to communicate by instructions of the CEO Sr. Alessandro Bazzoni that the foreign counterpart, outside myself and Mr. Joaquin Garcia, who will be in charge of coordinating and necessary details of the operations of the Virgin Naphta with you or any persons within PetroPeru, in this case will be Mrs. Dolly Mendoza (Direct Phone: 00-58-416-8250694). She will also have your cell number to communicate directly with you. I await your further comments.

Best regards, Atte

Jesus Pereyra Arizola Cinque Terre Representante en Lima Peru Cel (51) 947-169893

- 32. CTFG/ELEMENTO by information and belief paid Petroperu for the cargo, sending Petroperu original documentary instructions for the cargo bill of lading to be made out to Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd. Later, CTFG/ELEMENTO requested Petroperu to issue the bill of lading to Elemento, Ltd., however, Petroperu refused. This was because the sale of the naphtha cargo could only be made by Petroperu to a holder of a license to purchase from Petroperu, namely, Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd. Both Alessandro Bazzoni and Joaquin Garcia corresponded with Petroperu as being affiliated with "CTE Ltd."
- 33. The naptha cargo purchased by CTFG/ELEMENTO is or very soon will be loaded aboard a vessel in Peru, chartered by Garnishee. By information and belief, the cargo is being carried under a bill of lading issued to Cinque Terre Financial Group, Ltd., the license holder for purchase from Petroperu and receipient of the February 17, 2017 Petroperu award for that purchase. Chemoil believes that, according to standard commercial transactions of this type, Garnishee will upon loading of the naptha cargo transfer to CTFG/ELEMENTO payment for the cargo.
- 34. Chemoil now understands from the Garnishee, that the Garnishee is withholding payment for the cargo, subject to the writ issued in this action and served on the Garnishee, and further order of this Court.

## **Count I – Breach of Maritime Contract**

35. Chemoil incorporates the above paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

- 36. CTFG/ELEMENTO including through its alter egos has breached its maritime contract with Chemoil as set out above. Despite repeated demand, Chemoil remains unpaid.
  - 37. Chemoil therefore demands judgment, as set out more fully below.

# **Count II: Maritime Attachment and Garnishment (Rule B)**

- 38. Chemoil incorporates the above paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 39. This Court should order the issue of a writ of maritime attachment and garnishment to Garnishee(s) to attach the property (including accounts payable) held or owed by Garnishee for or to CTFG/ELEMENTO including its alter egos.
- 40. CTFG/ELEMENTO cannot be found within this District within the meaning of Rule B, and has pendency of this action, property and/or assets in this jurisdiction consisting of cash, funds, freight, hire, and/or credits in the hands of Garnishee, a garnishee in this District.

# Count III: Prejudgment Attachment (Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 61.001 et seq.)

- 41. Chemoil incorporates the above paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 42. CTFG/ELEMENTO is justly indebted to Chemoil because it failed to pay US\$3,948,502.41 for MGO provided by Chemoil as required by the parties' contract dated 15 August 2014.
- 43. Chemoil does not seek attachment for the purpose of injuring or harassing CTFG/ELEMENTO. Chemoil merely seeks to recoup the losses incurred by CTFG/ELEMENTO's breach of contract.
- 44. Chemoil will probably lose its debt unless the writ of attachment is issued because it has become evident that CTFG/ELEMENTO does not intend to honor its promise to pay Chemoil for the MGO it provided.

- 45. Cinque Terre Financial Group Ltd. and Elemento, Ltd. are foreign corporations and Ruben Alejandro Goldstein, Alessandro Bazzoni and Richard Rothenberg are not residents of the State of Texas.
- 46. This Court should order the issue of a writ of original attachment and garnishment to Garnishee(s) to attach the property (including accounts payable) held or owed by Garnishee for or to CTFG/ELEMENTO including its alter egos. In support of its request, Chemoil attaches an affidavit hereto setting forth the grounds for its issuance and the amount of its demand.

## **Count IV: Fraud – Maritime Tort**

- 47. Chemoil incorporates the above paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 48. CTFG/ELEMENTO defrauded Chemoil by misrepresenting to Chemoil that CTFG/ELEMENTO had the ability to pay for the Marine Gas Oil which CTFG/ELEMENTO took from Chemoil.
- 49. CTFG/ELEMENTO knew that its misrepresentations of solvency and intention to pay were false when it made them, and it made the misrepresentations with the intention that Chemoil rely on them.
- 50. Chemoil reasonably relied on the misrepresentations of CTFG/ELEMENTO, which it would not have done had CTFG/ELEMENTO disclosed the truth of its situation including intention to pay for Chemoil's Marine Gas Oil.
- 51. Chemoil was damaged as the result of its reasonable reliance on the CTFG/ELEMENTO misrepresentations. Chemoil's Marine Gas Oil was maritime property and its taking by fraud constitutes a maritime tort.
  - 52. Chemoil therefore demands judgment, as set out more fully below.

## **Count V: Civil RICO**

53. Chemoil incorporates the above paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

- 54. Ruben Alejandro Goldstein (a/k/a Alex Goldstein), Alessandro Bazzoni, and Richard Rothenberg violated 18 U.S.C. §1962 (c) by being associated with an enterprise which affects interstate or foreign commerce to conduct or to participate, directly or indirectly, in the conduct of such enterprises affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity.
- 55. Ruben Alejandro Goldstein (a/k/a Alex Goldstein), Alessandro Bazzoni, and Richard Rothenberg violated 18 U.S.C. §1962(d) by conspiring to violate 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c).
- 56. A RICO Act claim under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1962(c) and (d) requires a plaintiff to prove: (1) a person engaged in (2) a pattern of racketeering activity connected to (3) the conduct or control of an enterprise.
- 57. Person: Ruben Alejandro Goldstein (a/k/a Alex Goldstein), Alessandro Bazzoni, and Richard Rothenberg all qualify as "persons" under 18 U.S.C. § 1961(3). Each Defendant in this suit is an "individual or entity capable of holding a legal or beneficial interest in property" and, as such, each constitutes a "person" within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 1961(3).
- 58. Racketeering Activity: A "racketeering activity" as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 1961(1) includes, inter alia, wire fraud. Ruben Alejandro Goldstein (a/k/a Alex Goldstein), Alessandro Bazzoni, and Richard Rothenberg committed the "racketeering activity" of wire fraud and the crime is punishable with imprisonment for more than one year.
- 59. The Defendants are engaged in interstate and foreign acts of commerce and the acts alleged herein have an effect on commerce.
- 60. 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (Wire Fraud): Ruben Alejandro Goldstein (a/k/a Alex Goldstein), Alessandro Bazzoni, and Richard Rothenberg devised a scheme or artifice to defraud by means of wire communication in interstate and foreign commerce.
- 61. Ruben Alejandro Goldstein (a/k/a Alex Goldstein), Alessandro Bazzoni, and Richard Rothenberg participated in an association in fact. They participated in an ongoing

organization and each associate functioned as a continuing unit. The individuals and the entities run by the individuals associated together to commit several criminal acts as set forth herein which gave their association an ongoing nature allowing it to come within the purview of the RICO Act. Thus, their association in fact constituted an enterprise within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 1961(4).

- 62. In the alternative, the alleged corporate entities included in CTFG/ELEMENTO are legal entities constitututing an "enterprise" within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1961(4) & 1962(c). Ruben Alejandro Goldstein (a/k/a Alex Goldstein), Alessandro Bazzoni, and Richard Rothenberg are "persons," within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1961(3) & 1962(c), who individually conducted, participated in, engaged in, and operated and managed the affairs of the alleged corporate entities included in CTFG/ELEMENTO through a pattern of racketeering activity within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1961(1), 1961(5) & 1962(c). Said pattern of racketeering activity consisted of, but was not limited to, the acts wire fraud described supra.
- 63. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1962(c) and (d) Chemoil has suffered injury to business, property and livelihood.
- 64. The injuries suffered by Chemoil were reasonably foreseeable or anticipated by Ruben Alejandro Goldstein (a/k/a Alex Goldstein), Alessandro Bazzoni, and Richard Rothenberg as the natural consequence of their acts.
  - 65. Chemoil seeks treble damages, 18 U.S.C. § 1964(c).

### **Prayer for Relief**

WHEREFORE, Chemoil prays:

A. That in response to Counts I and IV, this Court enter judgment against CTFG/ELEMENTO and in favor of Chemoil in the amount of at least **US\$3,948,502.41** plus an

additional 50% as provided in Supplemental Admiralty and Maritime Rule E, to allow for accrued interest, fees and costs;

- B. That in response to Count II, since CTFG/ELEMENTO cannot be found within this District pursuant to Supplemental Rule B, this Court maintain the Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B and served on Garnishee, attaching all of CTFG/ELEMENTO's tangible or intangible property or any other funds held by such garnishee, up to the amount of at least the amount demanded herein to secure Chemoil's claims, and that this Court require Garnishee to appear and, pursuant to Supplemental Rule B, answer the matters alleged in the Verified Complaint;
- C. That as provided in Supplemental Rule B, that such person over 18 years of age be appointed as moved for herein pursuant to Supplemental Rule B and Fed.R.Civ.P. 4(c) to serve any supplemental process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment in this action; and that this Court award Chemoil such other and further relief that this Court deems just and proper.
- D. That in response to Count III, this Court issue a writ of original attachment returnable to this Court, attaching all of CTFG/ELEMENTO's tangible or intangible property or any other funds held by such garnishee, up to the amount of at least the amount demanded herein to secure Chemoil's claims.
- E. That in response to Count V, this Court enter judgment against CTFG/ELEMENTO and in favor of Chemoil in the amount of at least <u>US\$3,948,502.41</u>, that amount trebled pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1964(c).
  - F. That in response to each Count and claim herein, that this Court enter judgment

for Chemoil for all just and proper relief, including interest, costs and attorneys fees.

Dated: April 3, 2017.

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## **VERIFICATION**

I am a Principal of the law firm Simms Showers LLP, counsel to Plaintiff.

The facts alleged in the foregoing First Amended Verified Complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and information based upon the records of Plaintiff made available to me by Plaintiff. Authorized officers of Plaintiff are not readily available in this District to make verifications on Plaintiff's behalf. I am authorized to make this verification on Plaintiff's behalf. I further certify that, pursuant to Supplemental Rule B, I caused a search to be made of electronic records and Directory Assistance for addresses and telephone numbers in the Southern District of Texas. There is no record of any general or resident agent authorized to accept service of process for any Defendant in this District.

Defendants are justly indebted to Chemoil because they failed to pay US\$3,948,502.41 for MGO provided by Chemoil as required by the parties contract dated 15 August 2014. Chemoil does not seek attachment for the purpose of injuring or harassing Defendants. Chemoil merely seeks to recoup the losses incurred by Defendants' breach of contract.

Chemoil will probably lose its debt unless the writ of attachment is issued because it has

become evident that Defendants do not intend to honor their promise to pay Chemoil for the MGO they provided. Cinque Terre Financial Group Ltd. and Elemento, Ltd. are foreign corporations and Ruben Alejandro Goldstein, Alessandro Bazzoni and Richard Rothenberg are not residents of the State of Texas.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(1), I solemnly declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on April 3, 2017.

/s/ J. Stephen Simms

J. Stephen Simms

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SSVI-0445-2017 FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

CINQUE TERRE FINANCIAL GROUP LTD.

ATTN.: ALEX GOLDSTEIN

REF: PETROPERU TENDER INVITATION SSVI-0364-2017/TENDER-009-2017 DATED FEBRUARY 06<sup>TH</sup>, 2017; AND YOUR OFFER DATED FEBRUARY 09<sup>TH</sup>, 2017.

WE ARE PLEASED TO INFORM CINQUE TERRE FINANCIAL GROUP LTD. THAT PETROPERU HAS AWARDED CINQUE TERRE FINANCIAL GROUP LTD. THE FOLLOWING FOB SALE:

- 1. PRODUCT AND QUANTITY: ONE CARGO OF 220,000 BBLS +/- 10% (AT PETROPERU'S OPTION) OF VIRGIN NAPHTHA TO BE DELIVERED FOB TALARA (INCOTERMS 2000).
- 2. BUYER: CINQUE TERRE FINANCIAL GROUP LTD.
- 3. LOADPORT & LAYCAN: TALARA, PERU DURING MARCH 08<sup>TH</sup>/12<sup>TH</sup>, 2017. A THREE DAY LAYCAN WILL BE NARROWED BY CINQUE TERRE FINANCIAL GROUP LTD. BY MARCH 02<sup>ND</sup>, 2017.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

THIS PRODUCT MUST BE EXPORTED FROM PERU. IT IS NOT PERMITTED TO DELIVER THIS CARGO TO ANY PERUVIAN PORT.

THE DELAY IN THE ARRIVAL OF THE VESSEL IN REGARD TO CONTRACTUAL LAYCAN, EXCEPT IN CASE OF FORCE MAJEURE, AS PER ITEM 20 OF PETROPERU'S TENDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FOB EXPORTS AND CFR/FOB IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, IS IMPUTABLE TO THE BUYER, PETROPERU S.A WILL CHARGE THE AMOUNT OF US\$ 1,200 PER HOUR OR FRACTION. SUCH CALCULATION SHALL START FROM 00:00 HOURS OF THE DAY FOLLOWING THE LAST DATE OF THE CONTRACTUAL LAYCAN. ADDITIONALLY, BUYER WILL RECOGNIZE PETROPERU S.A ALL THE OPERATIVE COSTS INCURRED FOR SUCH DELAY AND PETROPERU S.A RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EXECUTE THE INDEMNITY CLAUSE OF THE AWARD.

#### 4. PRICE:

THE FOB TALARA (INCOTERMS 2000) PRICE TO BE DETERMINED UPON THE AVERAGE OF THE MEAN POSTINGS AS PUBLISHED BY PLATT'S OILGRAM U.S. MARKETSCAN FOR + UNL 87 (CURRENT RVP) (DATA CODE: PGACU00) + UNDER + GULF COAST WATERBORNE + AND EFFECTIVE ON B/L DATE OF THE CARGO, THE QUOTATION PUBLISHED IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE B/L DATE AND THE QUOTATION PUBLISHED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE B/L DATE, CONVERTED TO US DOLLARS PER BARREL, MINUS A DISCOUNT OF 11.20 US DOLLARS PER BARREL (ELEVEN POINT TWENTY US DOLLARS PER BARREL).

IN THE EVENT THE BILL OF LADING DATE FALL ON A DAY WHEN PLATT'S DOES NOT PUBLISH, THEN FOR PRICING PURPOSES ONLY THE PRICE WILL BE CALCULATED UTILIZING THE TWO EFFECTIVE PUBLISHED PRICE QUOTES IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE BILL OF LADING DATE AND ONE EFFECTIVE PUBLISHED PRICE QUOTE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BILL OF LADING DATE. THREE SEPARATE EFFECTIVE PUBLISHED PRICE QUOTES SHALL ALWAYS BE USED.

PAYMENT TERMS:

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PAYMENT IN ADVANCE AT LEAST TWO (02) DAYS BEFORE START LOADING OPERATION, BASED ON MAX. CONTRACTUAL VOLUME (240 MB).

NOTE: ADJUST PAYMENT WILL BE DONE NO MORE EIGHT (08) WORKING DAYS AFTER BILL OF LADING

**Exhibit E** 

"ISO 9001:2008, AT THE FOREFRONT IN CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AND INDUSTRY STANDARDS"

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#### 6. DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:

AS PER ITEM 15 OF PETROPERU'S TENDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FOB EXPORTS AND CFR/FOB IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.

#### 7. QUALITY VIRGIN NAPHTHA:

QUALITY	MIN.	MAX.	PROM.	ASTM METHOD
SPECIFIC GRAVITY AT 60 FD	0,699	0,751	0,721	D-1298
RVP AT 100 FD, PSI	pro ess	10,0	9,1	D-323 / D-5191
COPPER STRIP CORROSION		1	la	D-130
SULPHUR, WT. PCT.		0,015	0,003	D-4294 / D-2622
LEAD, PPB		40	15.0	IP-224 / D-3116
SA YBOLT COLOR	+20		+29	D-156 / D-6045
HYDROC. TYPE, VOL PCT				
OLEFINS		1,0	1,0	D-6730
N+A	41,0		42,7	D-6730
DISTILLATION, CD				D-86
IBP	33	177.77	38,0	
10 PCT	60	And Mile.	67,0	
50 PCT		120	100,0	
90 PCT		160	125,0	
FBP		170	142,0	
Vol. RECOVERED	96,0	122	97,5	
Vol. RESIDUE		2,0	1,4	

<sup>\*</sup>AVERAGE QUALITY FROM JANUARY SINCE DECEMBER 2016

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

THE QUALITY OF THE PRODUCT MUST BE DETERMINATED BY A REPRESENTATIVE COMPOSITE SHORE TANK.

#### 8. INSPECTION

ASPER ITEM 8 OF PETROPERU'STENDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FOB EXPORTS AND CFR/FOB IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.

#### 9. PORT RESTRICTIONS:

PORT	DRAFT (FEET)	LOA (FEET)	MAXIMUM DISPLACEMENT
TALARA (LIQUID CARGO DOCK)	35.00	631.00	45,000 MT(*)

#### 10. VESSEL NOMINATION AND DISCHARGE/LOADING PROCEDURES:

CINQUE TERRE FINANCIAL GROUP LTD. MUST COMPLY WITH ITEM 12.1 (FOB SALE) OF PETROPERU'S TENDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FOB EXPORTS AND CFR/FOB IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.

THE VESSEL MUST COMPLY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SHIP AND PORT FACILITY SECURITY (ISPS) CODE, EFFECTIVE JULY 01ST, 2004.

#### DEMURRAGE

AS PER ITEM 12.5 OF PETROPERU'S TENDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FOB EXPORTS AND CFR/FOB IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.

DEMURRAGE AND POST DEAL EXPENSE CLAIMS



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PLEASE CONTACT PETROPERU'S DEMURRAGE TEAM WITH SUBJECT LINE TO READ: TYPE OF CLAIM E.G. PETROPERU DEMURRAGE, DEVIATION CLAIM. VESSEL NAME/ B/L DATE/ LOADPORT AND/OR DISPORT.

Contacts	Email
Arturo Muñoz Rodriguez	amunoz@petroperu.com.pe
Yusko Toscano Ludena	ytoscano@petroperu.com.pe

#### 12. FORCE MAJEURE

AS PER ITEM 20 OF PETROPERU'S TENDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FOB EXPORTS AND CFR/FOB IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.

#### 13. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

AS PER PETROPERU TENDER TERMS (REVISION OF JULY 2000).

#### 14. IMPORTANT NOTES:

- A. ANY INFORMATION GIVEN BY CINQUE TERRE FINANCIAL GROUP LTD. AFTER THE AWARD THAT MODIFIES THE CONDITIONS OF THE INVITATION AND/OR OUR AWARD WILL BE CONSIDERED A MATERIAL UNFULFILLMENT OF THE CONTRACT. UNDER THIS SITUATION, PETROPERU RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE CONTRACT AND REQUIRE AN INDEMNITY FROM CINQUE TERRE FINANCIAL GROUP LTD. FOR ANY AND ALL COSTS, DAMAGES OR EXPENSES INCURRED BY PETROPERU AS A RESULT OF CINQUE TERRE FINANCIAL GROUP LTD.'S FAILURE TO FULFIL ITS CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, PETROPERU RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SUSPEND OR EXCLUDE FROM OUR TENDER LIST.
- B. PETROPERU REQUIRES THAT CINQUE TERRE FINANCIAL GROUP LTD. PERFORMS ITS CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS IN A PROFESSIONAL AND RESPONSIBLE WAY; OTHERWISE PETROPERU RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SUSPEND CINQUE TERRE FINANCIAL GROUP LTD. AND REQUIRE AN INDEMNITY FROM CINQUE TERRE FINANCIAL GROUP LTD. FOR ANY AND ALL COSTS, DAMAGES OR EXPENSES INCURRED BY PETROPERU AS A RESULT OF CINQUE TERRE FINANCIAL GROUP LTD.'S FAILURE TO FULFIL ITS CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS.
- C. THE FAILURE OF THE WINNER TO COMPLY WITH THE THREE DAY LAYCAN, AS PER ITEM 3, WILL BE CONSIDERED A MATERIAL UNFULFILLMENT OF THE CONTRACT. UNDER THIS SITUATION PETROPERU MAY APPLY ITEM 14 OF THIS AWARD.
- 15. THE CONTRACT WILL BE INTEGRATED BY OUR INVITATION SSVI-0364-2017/TENDER-009-2017 DATED FEBRUARY 06<sup>TH</sup>, 2017, YOUR OFFER DATED FEBRUARY 09<sup>TH</sup> 2017, THIS AWARD, AND PETROPERU'S TENDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FOB EXPORTS AND CFR/FOB IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ANY OTHER DOCUMENT OR AGREEMENT.
- 16. AFTER THE AWARD AND DURING THE ACTIVITIES BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE LOADING IF YOU HAVE ANY COMPLAINT PLEASE WRITE TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: AMUNOZ@PETROPERU.COM.PE SO WE CAN ASSIST YOU.

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF THIS AWARD BY E-MAIL BEST REGARDS,

AUGUSTO NUÑEZ ZELA - MANAGER

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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LOADING TERMINAL LOCATION:					DELIVERY LOCATION:							
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M60	(K 2	21)	160	26.50	0	1605.77				216.217		
					PRO	PERTIES						
GRADE	VISCOSITY CST AT 50°C/122°F	API AT 600F	DENSITY AT 15°C	TEMP °F	FLASH °F	POUR °F	WATER % VOL.	SULFUR % M/M	BARGE	ALONGSIDE	DATE	TIME
M60(K26)	1.738	347	853.5	87.0	62	-21		0.154	HOSE	CONNECTED		
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M60(TK21)	3.059	35.2	848.4	87.8	70	-18		0.292	FINISH	HED PUMPING		
									HOSE	DISCONNECTED		
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DATE: PG 2 1/2014					DATE:	DATE: CENTERARIO TRADE						



# CHEMOIL LATIN AMERICA INC.

# LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

To: Master / Chief Engineer	Date:
MIN: CENTENARIO TRADER	Bunker Certificate N°
Port of Delivery:	
We are prepared to deliver to your vessel accord Please confirm and acknowledge the following:	ing to the following orders received through your principals.
Quantity: M60 35.2 8  Quantity: M60 34.2 8  Fuel to be delivered is based on shore tank quantity and along gauges prior to and after the second secon	Unsity Viscocity cst Quantity Sulfur 1600 NET 0.292  16300 NET 0.154  1630
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is to start slow and increase the rate as the equip full quantity of the fuel ordered, please indicate	
Thank you for the opportunity to provide to ser-	
CENTENATIO TRADET	CHEMOIL LATIN AMERICA INC.
Received and acknowledged by:	Luis Vivies
Malszuh R.	Rank, close Date Aug. 23/2014
INVITED TO WITNESS SAMPLING	YESNO
WITNESSED SAMPLING	YESNO
INVITED TO WITNESS GAUGES	YESNO
WITNESSED GAUGES	YES NO

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VESSEL N		Tradev	IMO#:	6727	-5	BARGE NAME:			DATE: 08/22/14			
LOADING TERMINAL LOCATION: Decal Panama, Isla Taboquilla			DELIVERY LOCATION: 15/2 Taboquilla									
	RODUCT		GROSS BBLS				NET BBLS			WEIGHT N	1. TONS	
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# CHEMOIL LATIN AMERICA INC. LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

Date: 08/20 14

To: Master / Chief Engineer	Date: 08/20/14
M/V: BB Centenario Trader	Bunker Certificate N°
Port of Delivery: DECAL	
We are prepared to deliver to your vessel according Please confirm and acknowledge the following	rding to the following orders received through your principals g:
	Density Viscocity cst Quantity Sulfur 8484 3.059 22,600 set 0.292
opening and closing gauges prior to and after	antities (meters, shore tanks). You are hereby invited to witness r delivery. Remarks on the Bunker Delivery Receipt are not ssed. If you do not wish to witness the taking of gauges, please
	ring of retain samples. Since this is the only sample mutually ill be accepted as representative of the fuel being delivered. If imple, please indicate so below.
	us before the pumping has commenced. Our standard practice ipment warms up. If for any reason you are not able to take the below with the reasons.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide to ser	rve you.
	CHEMOIL LATIN AMERICA INC.  On behalf of Chemoil  Canin Caryo Control, Panama S. A.
Recorded and acknowledged by:	Dumer E. Williams G.
	Rank, 0/0 Date 8/20/14
INVITED TO WITNESS SAMPLING	YES NO
WITNESSED SAMPLING	YESNO
INVITED TO WITNESS GAUGES	YES NO
WITNESSED GAUGES	YES NO

DATE: AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2014.

TO: CINQUE TERRE FINANCIAL GROUP, LTD. ATTN: CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION FROM: CHEMOIL LATIN AMERICA, INC

SALE BY CHEMOIL LATIN AMERICA: REF # 2000383 TO CINQUE TERRE

FINANCIAL GROUP, LTD. # (PLEASE ADVISE)

FOB DECAL TABOGUILLA, FOR 40,000 BARRELS +/-10% BUYER'S

OPTION OF MGO. AUGUST 18-20, 2014.



CHEMOIL LATIN AMERICA IS PLEASED TO CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING TRANSACTION CONCLUDED BETWEEN OUR TWO COMPANIES ON AUGUST  $15^{TH}$ , 2014. THIS CONTRACT SUPERSEDES ALL BUYER CONFIRMATIONS REGARDING THIS TRANSACTION.

#### 1. BUYER

CINQUE TERRE FINANCIAL GROUP, LTD CRAGMUIR CHAMBERS, ROAD TOWN TORTOLA, BVI

#### 2. SELLER

CHEMOIL LATIN AMERICA P.H. PLAZA CANAIMA, 19<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR SAMUEL LEWIS STREET, OBARRIO PANAMA, REP. OF PANAMA

#### 3. PRODUCT

MGO

#### 4. OUALITY

MGO: DMA SPECS

#### 5. QUANTITY

40,000 BARRELS +/- 10% BUYER'S OPTION

#### 6. DELIVERY

FOB VIA PUMP OUT FROM DECAL TABOGUILLA (TWO BARGE LOADINGS), PANAMA ON AUGUST 19-28, 2014.

#### ISPS COMPLIANCE CLAUSE: FOB PROVISIONS

- I) BUYERS SHALL PROCURE THAT THE VESSEL SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE FOR THE SECURITY OF SHIPS AND OF PORT FACILITIES AND THE RELEVANT AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER XI OF SOLAS (ISPS CODE) AND WHERE THE LOADING PORT IS WITHIN THE USA AND US TERRITORIES OR WATERS, WITH THE US MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT 2002 (MTSA),
- II) THE VESSEL SHALL WHEN REQUIRED SUBMIT A DECLARATION OF SECURITY (DOS) TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE LOADING PORT.
- III) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PRIOR ACCEPTANCE OF VESSEL BY SELLER, IF AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE PASSING OF RISK AND TITLE THE VESSEL CEASES TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ISPS CODE OR MTSA:
- A) SELLER SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT NOT TO BERTH SUCH NOMINATED VESSEL AND ANY DEMURRAGE RESULTING SHALL NOT BE FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE SELLER.
- B) BUYER SHALL BE OBLIGED TO SUBSTITUTE SUCH NOMINATED VESSEL WITH A VESSEL COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ISPS CODE AND MTSA.

IV)

- A) SELLERS SHALL PROCURE THAT THE LOADING PORT/TERMINAL/INSTALLATION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE FOR THE SECURITY OF SHIPS AND OF PORT FACILITIES AND THE RELEVANT AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER XI OF SOLAS (ISPS CODE) AND IF LOCATED WITHIN THE USA AND US TERRITORIES, WITH THE US MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT 2002 (MTSA).
- B) ANY COSTS OR EXPENSES IN RESPECT OF THE VESSEL INCLUDING DEMURRAGE OR ANY ADDITIONAL CHARGE, FEE OR DUTY LEVIED ON THE VESSEL AT THE LOADING PORT AND ACTUALLY INCURRED BY BUYER

a member of the Chemoil Group of Companies



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RESULTING DIRECTLY FROM THE FAILURE OF THE LOADING PORT/TERMINAL/INSTALLATION TO COMPLY WITH THE ISPS CODE AND IF LOCATED WITHIN THE USA AND US TERRITORIES, WITH THE MTSA, SHALL BE SHARED EQUALLY BY BUYERS AND SELLERS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE TIME REQUIRED OR COSTS INCURRED BY THE VESSEL IN TAKING ANY ACTION OR ANY SPECIAL OR ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES REQUIRED BY THE ISPS CODE OR MTSA.

V) SAVE WHERE THE VESSEL HAS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE FOR THE SECURITY OF SHIPS AND OF PORT FACILITIES AND THE RELEVANT AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER XI OF SOLAS (ISPS CODE) AND WITHIN THE USA AND US TERRITORIES OR WATERS, WITH THE US MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT 2002 (MTSA), THE BUYER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DEMURRAGE ACTUALLY INCURRED BY THE BUYER ARISING FROM DELAY TO THE VESSEL AT THE LOADING PORT RESULTING DIRECTLY FROM THE VESSEL BEING REQUIRED BY THE PORT FACILITY OR ANY RELEVANT AUTHORITY TO TAKE ANY ACTION OR ANY SPECIAL OR ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES OR UNDERGO ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS BY VIRTUE OF THE VESSEL'S PREVIOUS PORTS OF CALL.

VI) THE SELLER'S LIABILITY TO THE BUYER UNDER THIS AGREEMENT FOR ANY COSTS, LOSSES OR EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE VESSEL, THE CHARTERERS OR THE VESSEL OWNERS RESULTING FROM THE FAILURE OF THE LOADING PORT/TERMINAL/INSTALLATION TO COMPLY WITH THE ISPS CODE OR MTSA SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE PAYMENT OF DEMURRAGE AND PORT COSTS ACTUALLY INCURRED BY THE BUYER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CLAUSE.

#### 7. PRICE

THE FOB PRICE WILL BE THE AVERAGE PRICE (LOW AND HIGH) QUOTATIONS OF NO.2 WATERBORNE AS PUBLISHED BY PLATT'S OILGRAM US MARKETSCAN. PRICING SHALL BE THE EFFECTIVE POSTING FOR AUGUST 19, 20, 21, 2014, PLUS A PREMIUM OF 17.0 CENTS PER GALLON.

FINAL PRICE TO BE CALCULATED TO FOUR DECIMAL PLACES. IF THE FIFTH DECIMAL PLACE IS FIVE OR GREATER THAN FIVE, THE FOURTH DECIMAL PLACE SHALL BE ROUNDED UP TO THE NEXT DIGIT. IF THE FITH DECIMAL PLACE IS LESS THAN FIVE, THE FOURTH DECIMAL PLACE SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

#### 8. PAYMENT

PAYMENT OF FINAL INVOICE VIA TELEGRAPHIC WIRE TRANSFER OF THE FULL INVOICED AMOUNT IN FEDERAL USA DOLLAR FUNDS WITHOUT DEDUCTION, OFF-SET OR COUNTERCLAIM, INCLUDING BANKING FEES OR WIRE TRANSFER FEES, TO SELLER'S BANK THREE (3) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF INVOICE, DELIVERY RECEIPT (BDR), ALONG WITH INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR'S QUANTITY AND QUALITY REPORT.

IN THE EVENT THAT PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED INTO OUR NOMINATED BANK ACCOUNT ON THE DUE DATE, BUYER WILL BE CHARGED INTEREST ON THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE (AT THE 30 DAY LIBOR RATE AS QUOTED BY SELLER'S NOMINATED BANK), ON THE DATE PAYMENT IS DUE PLUS 5 PERCENT) UNTIL THE DATE PAYMENT IS RECEIVED INTO SELLER'S NOMINATED BANK ACCOUNT.

#### 9. CREDIT

STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT IS REQUIRED, PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF LOAD.

#### 10. DETERMINATION OF QUANTITY AND QUALITY

DETERMINATION OF QUALITY SHALL BE ASCERTAINED AND VERIFIED BY THE MUTUALLY AGREED INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR, BY LABORATORY ANALYSIS OF SELLER'S REPRESENTATIVE SHORE TANK(S) COMPOSITE CARGO SAMPLE TAKEN PRIOR TO LOAD/TRANSFER.

DETERMINATION OF QUANTITY SHALL BE ASCERTAINED AND VERIFIED BY THE LOAD PORT INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR APPOINTED BETWEEN SELLER AND BUYER, BY MEASUREMENT BASED ON DELIVERING SHORE TANK DOWNGAUGE (NET BARREL AT 60 DEG F IN ACCORDANCE WITH TABLE 6B OF ASTM DESIGNATION D-1250) AS CERTIFIED BY THE INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR.

ANY INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR SELECTED TO MAKE QUANTITY DETERMINATIONS REGARDING THIS CARGO IS TO BE MUTUALLY APPOINTED BY BUYER AND THE INSPECTOR'S FINDINGS SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING ON BOTH PARTIES, SAVE FRAUD OR MANIFEST ERROR. INSPECTION COSTS ARE TO BE BORNE BY BUYER.

#### 11. PROPERTY/TITLE

PROPERTY OF THE OIL DELIVERED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL PASS FROM SELLER TO BUYER AS THE OIL PASSES THE DELIVERING THE SELLER'S SHORE TANK(S) PERMANENT OUTGOING FLANGE CONNECTION AT LOAD PORT.

IRREVOCABLE ACCEPTANCE OCCURS WHEN TITLE TRANSFERS FROM SELLER TO BUYER. SELLER'S TOTAL LIABILITY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT FOR ANY CLAIMS OF ANY NATURE SHALL NOT EXCEED THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THAT PORTION OF THE PRODUCT WITH RESPECT TO THE CLAIM THAT IS MADE. BLENDING OF THE PRODUCT WITH OTHER PRODUCTS OR USE OF TRANSPORTATION OR SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT SHALL NOT EFFECT THIS LIMITATION. IN NO EVENT WILL SELLER BE LIABLE FOR INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES.

#### 12. LIABILITY

IRREVOCABLE ACCEPTANCE OCCURS WHEN TITLE TRANSFERS FROM SELLER TO BUYER. SELLER'S TOTAL LIABILITY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT FOR ANY CLAIMS OF ANY NATURE SHALL NOT EXCEED THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THAT PORTION OF THE PRODUCT WITH RESPECT TO THE CLAIM THAT IS MADE. BLENDING OF THE PRODUCT WITH OTHER PRODUCTS OR USE OF TRANSPORTATION OR SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT SHALL NOT EFFECT THIS LIMITATION. IN NO EVENT WILL SELLER BE LIABLE FOR INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES OR FOR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

#### 13. WARRANTIES

THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES, CONDITIONS, WARRANTIES OR REPRESTATIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, GIVEN IN RELATION TO THE QUALITY, MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS OR SUITABILITY OF THE OIL, FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR OTHERWISE, WHICH EXTEND BEYOND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE OIL AND ANY SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS CONTRACT.

#### 14. EXPORT/IMPORT DUTIES

THE BUYER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPORTATION COSTS, DUTIES, AND FEES WHICH INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING: ALL FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL EXCISE, GROSS RECEIPTS, SUPERFUND, AND FUEL TAXES, HOWEVER DESIGNATED, OTHER THAN TAXES ON INCOME, PAID OR INCURRED BY SELLER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY WITH RESPECT TO THE OIL OR PRODUCT BEING SOLD HEREUNDER AND/OR THE VALUE THEREOF. IF BUYER IS EXEMPT FROM ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CHARGES, BUYER SHALL PROVIDE SELLER WITH THE APPLICABLE EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES.

THE BUYER ACKNOWLEDGES RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND AGREES TO INDEMNIFY THE SELLER THEIR SUPPLIER, AND/OR THE OWNER OF THE BONDED PREMISES FROM WHICH THE GOODS ARE DISPATCHED AGAINST ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY TAXES, DUTIES AND CHARGES (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION VAT, EXCISE DUTY AND MINERAL OIL TAX) AND INTEREST PENALTIES OR OTHER COSTS, WHETHER LEVIED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, RELATING TO THE PRODUCTS SUPPLIED UNDER THE AGREEMENT, OR ON THE SELLER AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS AGREEMENT.

#### 15. LAW AND JURISDICTION

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, CONSTRUED AND ENFORCED UNDER THE LAWS OF ENGLAND. ALL PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY AGREE THAT THE COURTS OF ENGLAND ARE TO HAVE JURISDICTION TO SETTLE ANY DISPUTE WHICH MAY ARISE OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CONTRACT AND SUBMIT TO THE JURISDICTIONS OF THOSE COURTS WITHOUT RECOURSE TO ARBITRATION.

EACH PARTY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT. THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON CONTRACTS FOR THE TRADING SALE OF GOODS SHALL NOT APPLY TO THIS CONTRACT.

#### 16. LIQUIDATION/DEFAULT

WITHOUT LIMITING ANY OTHER RIGHTS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO THE LIQUIDATING PARTY (AS HEREINAFTER DEFINED), IN THE EVENT THAT A PARTY HERETO (THE DEFAULTING PARTY) IS THE SUBJECT OF BANKRUPTCY, INSOLVENCY OR OTHER SIMILAR PROCEEDINGS OR FAILS TO PAY ITS DEBTS GENERALLY AS THEY BECOME DUE, THE OTHER PARTY HERETO (THE LIQUIDATING PARTY) SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT, EXERCISABLE IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION AND AT ANY TIME, TO LIQUIDATE THIS AND ANY OR ALL OTHER THEN OUTSTANDING BETWEEN SELLER AND BUYER (WHETHER THE LIQUIDATING PARTY IS THE SELLER OR BUYER UNDER THIS AGREEMENT) BY DECLARING ANY OR ALL SUCH CONTRACTS TERMINATED (WHEREUPON THEY SHALL BECOME AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATED, EXCEPT FOR THE PAYMENT OBLIGATION REFERRED TO BELOW), CALCULATING ITS LOSSES AND COSTS (OR GAINS) AT SUCH TIME IN U.S. DOLLARS, WHICH LIQUIDATING PARTY INCURS AS A RESULT OF THE LIQUIDATION OF SUCH TRANSACTION(S) (OTHER THAN CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES) INCLUDING (THE ELECTIONS OF THE LIQUIDATING PARTY) WITHOUT LIMITATION ALL LOSSES AND COSTS WHICH SUCH PARTY INCURS AS A RESULT OF ITS MAINTAINING. TERMINATING AND/OR RE-ESTABLISHING ANY HEDGE OR RELATED TRADING POSITIONS (AS DETERMINED BY THE LIQUIDATING PARTY IN A COMMERCIALLY REASONABLE MANNER AT A TIME OR TIMES REASONABLY DETERMINED BY THE LIQUIDATING PARTY), AND AGGREGATING OR NETTING SUCH MARKET DAMAGES TO A SINGLE LIQUIDATED SETTLEMENT PAYMENT THAT WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE UPON DEMAND THEREFORE.

#### 17. FORCE MAJEURE

NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER IN DAMAGES OR OTHERWISE FOR ANY DELAY IN PERFORMANCE OR FAILURE (IN WHOLE OR IN PART) TO PERFORM ANY OF THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT, SAVE FOR ANY OBLIGATION TO PAY MONEY (INCLUDING DEMURRAGE) UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH FAILURE OR DELAY ARISES FROM ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER BEYOND THAT PARTY'S CONTROL, INCLUDING (BUT WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING): ANY RESTRICTION ON, FAILURE OF, OR DEFAULT BY THE SELLER'S INTENDED SOURCE OF SUPPLY, ANY DELAY OR FAILURE IN PERFORMANCE BY THE OWNERS/DISPONENT OWNERS OF A SHIP, DELAY OF CARRIER DUE TO BREAKDOWN OR ADVERSE WEATHER, ACT OF GOD, PERILS OF THE SEA, ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS, EXPLOSION, WAR (DECLARED OR UNDECLARED), MILITARY OPERATIONS, BLOCKADE, REVOLUTION, DISTURBANCE, TRADE RESTRICTION, REQUESTS OR ORDERS OR ACTION BY ANY GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENTAL OR CIVIL OR MILITARY AUTHORITY, EMBARGO, STRIKE, LOCK-OUT OR LABOUR DISPUTE, FIRE, ICE CONDITIONS, PROHIBITIONS ON IMPORT OR EXPORT, DELAYS TO CARRIERS AND BREAKDOWN OF SAME, OR ANY OTHER CAUSE COMPREHENDED IN THE TERM FORCE MAJEURE.

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THE PARTY SEEKING TO RELY ON THIS CLAUSE SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE OTHER PARTY OF ANY SUCH EVENT, ALTHOUGH FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL NOT PRECLUDE RELIANCE ON THIS CLAUSE.

SHOULD ANY OF THE FOREGOING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR, THE TIME FOR PERFORMANCE OF THE AFFECTED OBLIGATIONS (INCLUDING THE OBLIGATION TO DELIVER) SHALL BE EXTENDED DURING THE PERIOD OF SUCH HINDRANCE OR DELAY UP TO A MAXIMUM OF THIRTY (30) DAYS. SHOULD ANY DELAY OR FAILURE TO PERFORM ARISING FROM ANY OF THE FOREGOING CIRCUMSTANCES CONTINUE FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS, EITHER PARTY SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT BY NOTICE TO THE OTHER PARTY, IN WHICH CASE NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FURTHER PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT OF FOR DAMAGES IN RESPECT OF SUCH FAILURE TO PERFORM.

#### 18. OTHER TERMS

WHERE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THIS CONTRACT, INCOTERMS 2000 FOB SALES, WITH ALL LATER AMENDMENTS SHALL APPLY.

THIS TRANSACTION SHALL REMAIN PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL BY ALL PARTIES INVOLVED.

#### 19. NOTIFICATIONS

ALL MAILING CORRESPONDENCE IS TO BE MADE TO THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVES AT:

CHEMOIL INTERNATIONAL PTE LTD 1 TEMASEK AVENUE 36-01 MILLENIA TOWER SINGAPORE 039192

#### **FINANCE**

E-MAIL: finance@chemoil.com

#### **OPERATION AND CONTRACTS**

WILFREDO GLASSE

PHONE: ++507 265 5070 EXT. 106 (PANAMA) MOBILE: ++507 6679 3374 (PANAMA) FAX: ++41 44 274 2982 (SWITZERLAND)

E-MAIL: <a href="mailto:claops@chemoil.com">claops@chemoil.com</a> / <a href="mailto:contract.intl@chemoil.com">contract.intl@chemoil.com</a>

#### **20. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

THIS CONTRACT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT OF BOTH PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF AND ALL REPRESENTATIONS RELATING THERETO ARE MERGED HEREIN. THIS CONTRACT CANNOT BE MODIFIED UNLESS IN WRITING BY SELLER.

#### 21. CONFIRMATION

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE IS CONTRARY TO YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE VERBAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES' REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THIS TRANSACTION, PLEASE RESPOND IMMEDIATELY VIA FACSIMILE WITH YOUR SPECIFIC POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT. IN THE EVENT THAT NO SUCH NOTIFICATION IS RECEIVED BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS IN THE NEXT 2 BUSINESS DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS DOCUMENT, THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THIS CONTRACT SHALL BECOME FINAL AND CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF ALL THE TERMS OF THE BINDING AGREEMENT REGARDING THIS TRANSACTION. IF BUYER NOTIFIES SELLER OF ADDITIONAL OR DIFFERENT TERMS FROM THOSE SET FORTH HEREIN, THOSE TERMS SHALL BE CONSTRUED ONLY AS PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THIS AGREEMENT AND SHALL NOT BECOME PART OF THIS AGREEMENT UNLESS EXPRESSLY AGREED BY SELLER IN A SUPPLEMENTAL WRITTEN CONFIRMATION.

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE CONCLUDED THIS BUSINESS TRANSACTION WITH YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF AND AGREEMENT TO THIS SALES CONTRACT WHICH IS TO BE SENT TO FAX: ++41 44 274 2982.

BEST REGARDS, CHEMOIL LATIN AMERICA INC.

	RICT OF NEW YORK	1	
In re:		x : :	Chapter 15
CINQUE TERRE LIMITED,	QUE TERRE FINANCIAL GROUP		Case No. 16-11086 (JLG)
,	Debtor in a Foreign Proceeding.	: : :	
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# ORDER GRANTING RECOGNITION AND RELIEF IN AID OF FOREIGN MAIN PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 1504, 1507, 1509, 1515, 1517, 1520 AND 1521 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

THIS CASE came on for hearing before the United States Bankruptcy Court of the Southern District of New York on June 21, 2016 (the "Hearing") to consider the application of Stuart MacKellar, in his capacity as the duly appointed liquidator ("Liquidator") of Cinque Terre Financial Group Limited ("Cinque Terre"), a company undergoing liquidation before the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court High Court of Justice, Virgin Islands Commercial Division (the "BVI Court"), claim number BVIHC (COM) 139 of 2015 (the "BVI Liquidation"), pursuant to Section 162 of the British Virgin Islands Insolvency Act of 2003 (the "2003 Act"), seeking relief chapter 15 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Court has considered the Official Form Petition, the Verified Petition (together, the "Petition"), the Declaration of Stuart MacKellar, (the "MacKellar Declaration"), the Declaration of Andrew Thorp, as to BVI law (the "Thorp Declaration"), the record in this matter from the prior hearings on the Liquidator's request for provisional relief, the prior orders of this Court in this matter, and the evidence proffered by the Liquidator at the Hearing.

**Exhibit A** 

By notice dated May 12, 2016, the Hearing was scheduled and the deadline to file written objections to the application and Petition was set for June 14, 2016. No written objection was filed by any party in interest other than an answer filed by Tacopina & Seigel, former legal counsel for Cinque Terre, to the summons issued to them by the Liquidator because provisional relief was requested of them and the Liquidator had requested the alternative relief of foreign non-main recognition. The answer expresses a lack of knowledge of the allegations of the Petition, raises no contest or defense to recognition of the BVI Liquidation as a foreign main proceeding, and raises no contest or defense to the relief sought in the Petition.

Accordingly, after due deliberation, the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

- A. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and 11 U.S.C. §§ 109 and 1501.
- B. Venue of this proceeding is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. § 1410 (1) and (2) because Cinque Terre has property in the United States and because Cinque Terre is a defendant in an action pending in this District.
  - C. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(P).
- D. The Liquidator is the duly appointed "foreign representative" of Cinque Terre under 11 U.S.C. § 101(24).
- E. This chapter 15 case was properly commenced under 11 U.S.C. §§ 1504, 1509 and 1515.
- F. Cinque Terre satisfies the requirements of 11 U.S.C. § 109 as it has property in the United States.

- G. The Liquidator has satisfied the requirements of 11 U.S.C. § 1515 and Rule 1007(a)(4) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.
  - H. The BVI Liquidation is a "foreign proceeding" under 11 U.S.C. § 101(23).
- I. The BVI Liquidation is entitled to recognition by this Court under 11 U.S.C. § 1517.
- J. The BVI Liquidation is pending in the British Virgin Islands, the country where Cinque Terre's center of main interests is located, and accordingly the BVI Liquidation is a "foreign main proceeding" under 11 U.S.C. § 1502(4), and is entitled to recognition as a "foreign main proceeding" under 11 U.S.C. § 1517(b)(1).
- K. The Liquidator is entitled to all of the relief provided under 11 U.S.C. § 1520 without limitation.
- L. The Liquidator is entitled to all the relief under 11 U.S.C. §§ 1507 and 1521 including, without limitation, the discovery and turnover relief set forth below.
- M. The relief granted hereby is necessary and appropriate, in the interests of the public and international comity, consistent with the public policy of the United States, and warranted pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 1507, 1517, 1520, and 1521.

# NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

- 1. **ORDERED** that the BVI Liquidation is recognized as a foreign main proceeding under 11 U.S.C. § 1517(b)(1); and it is further
- 2. **ORDERED** that the Liquidator is recognized as the foreign representative of Cinque Terre in the United States under 11 U.S.C. §1509; and it is further
- 3. **ORDERED** that 11 U.S.C. § 1520 is effective with respect to the BVI Liquidation.

- 4. **ORDERED** that under 11 U.S.C. § 1520(a) all litigation pending against Cinque Terre in the United States is stayed; and it is further
- 5. **ORDERED** that 11 U.S.C. § 1521(a)(1-4) is effective with respect to the BVI Liquidation and the stay, as provided for by Section 175(c) of the 2003 Act, shall be effective in the United States under 11 U.S.C. § 1507; and it is further
- 6. **ORDERED** that upon written request served by the Liquidator, all persons or entities subject to the jurisdiction of this Court, including but not limited to Cinque Terre's former officers, directors, employees, representatives, legal advisors, shareholders, members, subsidiaries, counterparties, financial institutions, investment advisors and accountants, are directed to turnover any and all documents, records, filings, or other information, regarding the assets, affairs, rights, obligations or liabilities of Cinque Terre however stored, so long as they are accessible by persons in the United States,; and it is further
- 7. **ORDERED** that the Liquidator is hereby granted authority to assert claims of Cinque Terre against parties that are subject to jurisdiction in the United States, including but not limited to claims predicated upon fraudulent conveyance or veil piercing not otherwise prohibited under 11 USC §1521(2)(7); and it is further
- 8. **ORDERED** that the administration or realization of all or part of the assets of Cinque Terre within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States is hereby entrusted to the Liquidator and the Liquidator is hereby established as the exclusive representative of Cinque Terre in the United States; and it is further
- 9. **ORDERED** that the Liquidator is authorized to issue subpoenas for oral examination and production of documents under Fed.R.Bankr.P. 2004 concerning the records, assets, affairs, rights, obligations or liabilities of Cinque Terre and shortening the

number of days to appear for the examination and produce the documents to fourteen (14) days from the date of service on (a) Cinque Terre's current and former officers, directors, employees, representatives, legal advisors, shareholders, members, subsidiaries, contractual counterparties, investment advisors and accountants, (b) financial institutions where Cinque Terre may have had accounts or holdings, or which may have processed USD wire transfers originating from, for the benefit of or relating to Cinque Terre, its shareholders, members, subsidiaries, contractual counterparties, investment advisors and accountants; and (c) persons or entities the Liquidator has a good faith basis to believe may be holding property or records of Cinque Terre or may have knowledge of others who are holding property or records of Cinque Terre; and it is further

- ORDERED that all persons and entities subject to the jurisdiction of this Court, are enjoined from destroying, secreting, altering, deleting or otherwise disposing of any documents, records, emails, filings, or other information, however stored, concerning or relating to the assets, affairs, rights, obligations or liabilities of Cinque Terre and such persons and entities, and such persons and entities are directed to provide access to such documents, records, emails, or information via the applicable electronic means to the Liquidator; and it is further
- 11. **ORDERED** that all persons and entities subject to the jurisdiction of this Court are enjoined from moving or otherwise disposing of Cinque Terre's assets or records within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States outside the jurisdiction of this Court except for production to the Liquidator;
- ORDERED that notwithstanding any other provision of this order to the contrary, with respect to Mr. Richard Rothenberg all of the relief provisionally granted against him in this Court's prior Order (D.E. 9) as thereafter modified by and subject to this Court's Order On Motion to Vacate and To Quash dated June 3, 2016 (D.E. 73) remains in effect; and it is further

13. **ORDERED** that this Court retains jurisdiction with respect to the enforcement,

amendment or modification of this Order, any requests for additional relief or any adversary

proceeding brought in and through this chapter 15 case, and any request by an entity for relief

from the provisions of this Order, for cause shown, that is properly commenced and within the

jurisdiction of this Court; and it is further

14. **ORDERED**, that the Liquidator will serve this Order on counsel for Centauro

(Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP), former counsel for Cinque Terre (Tacopina, Seigel & Turano,

P.C.), counsel for Mr. Rothenberg (Harris, St. Laurent & Chaudhry LLP), and Mr. Bazzoni by

email delivery the day this Order is entered and by regular mail; and it is further

15. **ORDERED,** the Liquidator will serve this Order on (i) all known creditors in the

United States (or their United States counsel or registered agent for service of process), (ii) any

party that has filed a notice of appearance in this case, and (iii) the Office of the United States

Trustee within three days after this Order is entered; and it is further

16. **ORDERED** that such service shall be good and sufficient service and adequate

notice for all purposes.

Dated: New York, New York

June 21, 2016

United States Bankruptcy Judge

Southern District of New York

1st James L. Garrity.